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BROOKHAVEN, MISS., DEC. 14-19, 1881.

The Sixty-eighth Session of the MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in Brookhaven, Miss., December 14-19, 1881; Rev. Bishop John C. Keener, D. D., L. L. D., presiding.

The Bishop conducted the opening religious services consisting of reading the 4th chapter of II Corinthians, 272 hymn, and prayer.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last session, Rev. J. A. B. Jones, and the following members answered to their names, or were present during the session, viz:

J. G. Jones, F. R. Strickland, J. L. Forsythe, R. A. Sibley, J. A. Godfrey, A. B. Nicholson, J. A. B. Jones, J. H. Shelton, W. B. Hines, E. A. Flowers, D. W. Dillehay, B. Jones, G. F. Thompson, R. Abbey, H. P. Lewis, C. G. Andrews, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, H. F. Johnson, E. H. Mounger, I. B. Robertson, W. W. Hurst, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, J. D. Hays, W. E. Ballard, R. B. Downer, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, A. B. Stewart, P. Howard, J. M. Weems, J. H. Holland, D. A. Givens, L. P. Meador, J. T. Heard, W. Spillman, J. C. Brogan, T. Y. Armstrong, J. M. Gann, C. B. Galloway, R. D. Norsworthy, J. W. Sandell, D. P. Bradford, J. S. Parker, C. F. Gillespie, J. H. Evans, C. McDonald, P. A. Johnson, W. C. Black, J. W. McLaurin, T. S. West, R. J. Jones, R. Bradley, J. W. Adkisson, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, D. A. Little, B. Carradine, C. D. Cecil, A. M. Barrington, J. Lusk, R. S. Woodward, G. W. Brown, W. D. Dominick, C. A. Powell, B. F. Jones, T. C. Bradford, B. S. Rayner, W. W. Simmons, J. P. Drake, I. W. Cooper, W. P. Andrews, H. R. Caldwell, G. M. Gilmore, W. W. Hopper, D. M. Rush, J. S. Calhoun, T. W. Brown, G. Bancroft, L.

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Carley, D. Merchant, I. D. Wall, I. L. Peebles, R. F. Flowers, J. M. Pugh, T. Price, W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, M. C. Callaway, J. W. Chambers, J. J. Lovett, W. G. Millsaps, L. S. Jones.

Lay members from the several districts were present as follows, viz:

W. L. Nugent, T. A. Phillips, D. Bunch, D. F. Ashford, H. C. Newsom, P. A. Richardson, W. Brame, C. S. Stewart, J. B. Bowen, I. V. Enochs, D. McCree, R. S. Rickets, I. Miller, W. M. Thornton, T. P. Bell, S. B. Watts, G. A. Leggett, J. W. McCormick, J. P. Carter, D. Calhoun, T. J. Ferell, G. Wood, E. Miles, J. W. Stewart, R. A. Tibbs.

The following were introduced to the Conference, viz:

Rev. L. Parker, D. D., editor New Orleans Christian Advocate, L. D. Palmer, business manager Publishing House at Nashville; Rev. Mr. Bingham, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Brookhaven.

Communications were read to the Conference and referred to appropriate committees from the several schools under the patronage of the Conference, and also from the following persons, viz:

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., book agent; Rev. A. W. Wilson, D. D., Secretary Foreign Missions; Mrs. D. H. McGarock, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, from Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, Editor of the Nashville Christian Advocate; Rev. W. G. E. Cunnyngham, D. D., Sunday-school editor, from G. T. Lathrop, publisher New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Standing committees on the various interests of the church, were appointed as follows, viz:

Public Worship—H. F. Johnson, W. B. Lewis, R. S. Rickets.

State of the Church—T. B. Holloman Geo. Wood, G. W. Brown, G. F. Thompson, W. D. Dominick, B. Carradine, J. W. McLaurin, J. W. Cooper,

Publishing Interests—D M. Rush, J. L. Forsythe, L. Carley, C. McDonald, J. T. Heard, N. B. Young, R. Abbey, M. C. Callaway, R. S Woodward.

Bible Cause—T. W. Brown, B. S. Rayner, W. W. Hurst T. J. Fezelle, Irvin Miller, G. A. Leggett, J. B. Bowen, L. P. Meador, E. Miles.

Sunday-Schools—B. Jones, D. P. Bradford, J. T. Nicholson, W. M. Thornton J. C. Brogan, R. S. Richetts, T. A. Phillips, J. W. Stewart.

Education--E. H. Mounger, I. B. Robertson, H. R. Singleton, J. P. Carter, R. A. Sibly, W. B. Hines, A. M. Barrington, W. L. Nugent, J. M. Weems.

Temperance—C. B. Galloway, D. Merchant, J. S. Parker, Geo. Bancroft, W. P. Andrews, D. Bunch, P. Howard, H. Key, David McRee. J. W. Ellison.

Memois—J. G. Jones, C. G. Andrews, W. L. C. Hunnicutt.

First Question—Who are admitted on trial ?

Answer—J. Wilson Brame, from the North Wilkinson; Thos. W. Adams, from Carthage; Jas. Healey, from the Forest; Robt. F. Witt, from the Shubuta; D. Fernando Guice, from the Meadville; Martin A. Bell, from the Mt. Olivet Circuit.

Second Question—Who remain on trial ?

Answer—E. F. Edgar, N. M. Clark, A. D. Miller, W. R. Sims, Levi S. Jones to be examined in studies of first year.

Third Question—Who are discontinued ?

Answer—H. Bradford, at his own request, C. W. Barrier.

Fourth Question—Who are admitted into full connection ?

Answer—W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, M. C. Callaway, J. W. Chambers, J. J. Lovett.

Fifth Question—Who are readmitted ?

Answer—W. G. Mlllsaps, Levi S. Jones, received in Elder's orders from the Congregational Methodist church.

Sixth Question—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences ?

Answer—C. W. Barrier, from the Texas Conference.

Seventh Question—Who are the Deacons of one year ?

Answer—B. F. Jones, T. C. Bradford, R. T. Davis, G. W. Brown, R. F. Flowers, I. D. Wall, I. L. Peebles, to be examined in Edgar's Variations of Popery.

Eighth Question—What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, Jos. J. Lovett.

Ninth Question—What traveling preachers are ordained Elders ?

Answer—Warren W. Cammack, Joseph T. Nicholson, Joseph J. Lovett.

The following were reported by the Bishop as having been ordained during the year, viz :

J. W. Chambers, I. D. Wall, M. C. Calloway, E. F. Eagar.

Tenth Question—What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Matthew J. Miller, Wm. R. Sims, D. Fernando Guice, Robt. S. Gale, Joseph W. Hall.

Eleventh Question—What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—Matthew J. Miller, Wm. R. Sims, D. Fernando Guice, Robert S. Gale, James J. Weems. The Bishop announced that he had ordained during the year, D. Webster McLean.

Twelfth Question—What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Clarence A. Powell, Wm. W. Simmons, Jno. S. Calhoun.

Thirteenth Question—What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—Clarence A. Powell, William W. Simmons, Jno. S. Calhoun. The Bishop announced that he had ordained during the year, J. Perry Drake, Inman W. Cooper, Benton S. Rayner.

Fourteenth Question—What local preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—James H. Muse.

Fifteenth Question—What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—James H. Muse. The Bishop announced that he had ordained during the year Alexander Scarborough.

Sixteenth Question—Who are located this year?

Answer—J. P. Dancer.

Seventeenth Qnestion—Who are supernumerary?

Answer—G. T. Vickers, R. Abbey, A. M. Barrington.

Eighteenth Question—Who are superannuated?

Answer—J. G. Jones, W. Spillman, L. Pearce, E. R. Strickland, D. W. Dillehay, J. N. Williams, E. A. Flowers, J. Nicholson, W. E. M. Linfield.

Nineteenth Question—What preachers have died during the year?

Answer—W. H. Watkins, J. J. Smylie.

Memoir of W. H. Watkins.

Rev. William Hamilton Watkins was descended from very worthy and upright ancestors, some of whom were pious and prominent members of the Baptist church. He was the son of Asa Watkins and Sarah *nee* McDonald, and was born in Jefferson county, Mississippi, April 11th, 1815, where he grew up to manhood. In early youth, he was brought to a saving knowledge of Christ, at the camp meeting held near the residence of his parents. He promptly united with the Methodist Episcopal Church at Caneridge, and soon became an active and useful member by taking part in all the social meetings of the church. In the midst of his early religious enjoyment and growing zeal to bring others into the household of faith, he was overwhelmed with the conviction, that he was called of God to preach the Gospel. This was, for a short time, a very embarrassing subject to this youthful mind, on account of his limited literary and theological attainments, but such was his conviction of duty, that he soon consented to receive license as a local preacher, intending to pursue his studies at home, until he should feel qualified to enter the regular pastoral work. He was doing well as a local preacher, when the death of a young minister whom he dearly loved, aroused him to feel the importance of giving himself at once wholy to the work of the ministry. He immediately obtained the requisite recommendation from the

Quarterly Conference, and was admitted into the Mississippi Conference in Nov., 1835, and for the following year, was the junior of J. I. E. Byrd, on Madison Circuit. There he soon began to show those noble qualities of head and heart, which made him so conspicuous in all the relations of his holy office during all his after life. We do not propose to occupy space with dry statistics by following him through his various pastoral charges. It will suffice to say that he soon rose to an elevated position in the ministry and filled every office in the itinerancy below that of Bishop. He traveled circuits, presided on large Districts, preached to the colored people, was stationed near ten years in the various churches in New Orleans, and was often stationed in the larger cities of South-western Mississippi. He was a member of the Louisville Convention in 1845, and was several times one of our representatives in the General Conference, and in the absence of a Bishop, was several times elected to preside in our Annual Conference. He was a diligent and successful student to the close of life in all that sort of literature which would add to his influence and usefulness as a minister of the Gospel of the grace of God.

He paid considerable attention to the study of the classics, and was very much devoted to Biblican criticism. His style of preaching was expository; his ideas clear and clothed with appropriate language. In person, he was more than ordinarily graceful, his gestures were calm and impressive, his voice clear and manly and his sermons so logically constructed as to be easily understood and remembered by his hearers. He took an active part in all the interests of the church, but was conspicuous as the patron of a Christian education. At one time he was president of Centenary College, and, unknown to himself, until the fact was announced to him officially, the Trustees and Faculty, in view of his high literary and theological attainments, conferred on him the merited degree of Doctor of Divinity, he being the first native Mississippian that ever received that honor. We wish now, in conclusion, to present his character as a whole, as worthy the imitation of all ministers, especially the young. He was a model gentleman everywhere, and at all times in his manners and social qualities, so that he commanded the respect and esteem of the most intelligent and refined classes of society. As a minister, there was nothing austere or repulsive about him, and while he never seemed to forget for a moment the proper dignity and sobriety of a minister of Christ, such was his affability that he was a general favorite with all who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance. As a Methodist itinerant preacher, his example was somewhere near perfection. From the day that he dedicated his life to the work of the ministry, he never turned aside to engage in any other calling but through the whole length of his forty-five years of

itinerant life, he was on the effective roll, ever ready and willing to do the work assigned him by those in authority. While filling his last pastoral charge in the Capital of our State, with great acceptability and usefulness, his health perceptibly declined and he began, submissively, gracefully and full of spiritual comfort, to descend to the tomb. His conversation during his long confinement, was in heaven and of heaven. We will only give one remark as an example of many others of a similar character. He said, on one occasion, that the spiritual world was as much a reality to the eyes of his faith as the natural world was to his bodily eyes. His faith was indeed the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. He was married in New Orleans in 1842. His wife survives him with a large family of highly educated and accomplished sons and daughters, all grown and usefully engaged in the honorable vocations of life, and all, we believe, members of the church of their sainted father. In full assurance of everlasting life, he quietly fell asleep in Jesus, February 5th, 1881, well advanced in the sixty-sixth year of his age. His remains were taken to the place of his nativity and his spiritual birth in Jefferson county and buried near his favorite old Caneridge church. The circumstances attendant on the removal of his body and its interment near his old home, reminded us forcibly of the funeral procession and burial of the patriarch Jacob.

J. G. JONES, Ch'n.

Memoir of J. J. Smylie.

James J. Smylie was born in Copiah county, Miss., October 9, 1829. His ancestors were Presbyterians for several generations, and the family have furnished to the Presbyterian church several eminent divines. His father was also a Presbyterian, but, when he settled in Copiah county, there was no Presbyterian church near him, and he joined the Methodist church for the time being. His house was open to the preachers, and it was thus that his son James received an early fondness for the Methodist church, which in his youth he joined. At first he was very devoted to religion, and felt distinctly a call to preach; but, ambitious for success in another field, he resisted the call, grew cold, withdrew from the church, and sought good only in the world.

God's method with the majority of those who disobey the voice of duty is to withdraw His favor and send punishment, but it was not so with our brother, at least for many years. Pleasure and prosperity attended him in his young manhood. October 24th, 1854, he was married to Miss Sallie E. Stovall, an accomplished, gifted young lady, who proved to him all that a wife could be. They were blessed with interesting children. They had a delightful home, surrounded with comforts and conveniences. They

were possessed of a handsome estate. Bro. Smylie's educational advantages and continued familiarity with all topics of profit and interest brought his services often in demand. Though, perhaps, he never formally entered upon the practice of the law, yet his familiarity with the theory, as well as the practice, made him a standing referee and counsellor of his neighbors. He mingled successfully in politics, and served his adopted county, Hinds, in the Legislature with benefit to her interests, and with the approval of his fellow-citizens. When his native South demanded his services in her struggle for independence, he cheerfully gave them, and, on the tented field and in diplomatic circles, faithfully bore his part. His fortune being much impaired by the war, he resorted to school teaching, for which he ever had a fondness, and for which he seemed to have a natural talent. Though he was never graduated academically, yet his training at Centenary, of Louisiana, and afterward at Oxford, of Mississippi, made him conversant with almost the entire collegiate course; but, over and above this, he had a peculiar gift in imparting knowledge, and in simplifying truth, that stamped him a born school teacher.

While engaged in teaching a large and flourishing male school in Brookhaven, Miss., two of his children died suddenly, and in quick succession. He had a tender heart, and was a fond father. This stroke of Providence ruthlessly exposed the evanescent character of all earthly good. In his extremity he turned to the God of his father, the God of his own youth, and found pardon and consolation. Along with his return to God came again the call to preach; this time it was heeded, and in December, 1871, he was admitted into the Mississippi Conference, from which he had just received his tenth consecutive appointment to the care of souls, only a few weeks before he was appointed to a higher sphere.

Bro. Smylie took position in the Conference as soon as he joined, and was gaining continuously in the estimation of the ministry and the church. Being a man of varied attainments and thorough knowledge, and, withal, of an earnest consecration, he was fitted for any work in and out of the Conference.

One thing he felt keenly, viz.: his inability to preach satisfactorily to himself without a manuscript; and this was the stranger and sadder to him, because in the debating society and on the hustings he had always been a fluent off-hand speaker. There seemed to be a want of confidence in himself, which grew out of his early neglect of the ministry or in his very high regard for the sanctity of the place, that made him afraid to adventure into that method, which he believed to be the most eloquent and the most powerful of pulpit utterances—the true *extempore*. But he hoped to come to it, and doubtless he would, had he lived.

He leaves a wife and six children; to them his loss is irreparable. His genial good nature makes his brethren to mourn sin-

cerely his death. His consecration to the ministry, his sermons steadily growing in breadth and power, make the church poorer, because his voice is no more to be heard. God buries His workmen, still the work goes on. We question not the wisdom of His doings, nor the dispensation of His providence, nor will He rebuke us when, because of the death of the genial comrade of our earlier years, our strong, gifted co-worker in the ministry, we exclaim with hearfelt sorrow: "Alas! my brother."

C. G. ANDREWS.

Twentieth Question—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration ?

Answer—Their names were called over one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

Twenty-first Question—What is the number of local preachers in the several Circuits, stations and missions of the Conference ?

Answer—Local preachers, 144; members, 23,901.

Twenty-second Question—How many infants have been baptized during the year ?

Answer—999.

Twenty-third Question—How many adults have been baptized during the year ?

Answer—702.

Twenty-fourth Question—What is the number of Sunday-schools ?

Answer—284.

Twenty-fifth Question—What is the number of Sunday-school Teachers?

Answer—1411.

Twenty-sixth Question—What is the number of Sunday-school Scholars?

Answer—9827.

Twenty-seventh Question—What amount is necessary for the Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—$2500.

Twenty-eighth Question—What has been collected on the foregoing and how has it been applied?

Answer—$2169 15. It has been distributed to the Conference claimants.

Twenty-ninth Question—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer—Foreign Missions, $2862 30; Domestic Missions, $1725.

Thirtieth Question—Where shall the next session of Conference be held?

Answer—At Crystal Springs.

Thirty-first Question—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer—See appointments.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we request our Presiding Bishop to prepare a Pastoral Address, embracing the points touched in his opening

address to the Conference, and also touching the importance of uniformity of the Administration of Discipline, for publication in the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

B. JONES,
C. G. ANDREWS.

Resolved, That this Conference extend its hearty sympathy and co-operation to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our Church, within the bounds of our Conference, and, that we will aid them to the utmost of our ability.

J. P. DRAKE,
J. W. McLAURIN,
B. JONES.

State of the Church.

The committee on the State of the Church, beg leave to report that they have experienced much difficulty in collecting data upon which to base their report, but availing themselves of such information as they were enabled to obtain, they submit the following:

They are qualified to state, that there has been a gradual increase in the number of members, and, as they believe, in the spirituality of the church. There has been some moderate increase in collections for church purposes. The reports from many of the charges show that all the assessments have been met in full, and in some instances have exceeded the amounts. In other instances, a small deficit is shown, while in some instances, we are pained to say, little has been accomplished. This, your committee attribute in a great degree, to the want of a proper understanding of the duty and obligations on the part of the membership and to the want of suitable, efficient and persevering stewards.

There has been some increase in the number of those who hold family, and engage in public prayer, but your committee are constrained to say, that there is still a deplorable neglect in these respects.

The interest in Sabbath-schools is progressive, but much yet remains to be done. Parental instruction seems to be in sad decline.

In some parts of the work, discipline has been revived and enforced, and your committee express the hope that the day is not distant when the rules of our church shall be fully understood, and be strictly enforced in all charity and brotherly love.

Class meetings are not so generally held as the wants and interests of the Church demands. Your committee look upon these meetings, when properly conducted, as one of the best means of fostering and increasing the spirituality of the church,

There has been some improvement in the observance of the Sabbath. But the great and wide-spread desecration of this holy

day, demands the co-operation and earnest efforts of all who desire the prosperity of Zion.

Some considerable advance has been made in disseminating correct views of the extent and enormity of the evils resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks.

After a review of the whole work, your committee are gratified in believing that while much yet remains to be done, there is much to cheer and encourage.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WOOD, Ch'n.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

The committee on Temperance beg leave to offer the following report:

We regard the triumph of the cause of temperance, as intimately related to the success of the Gospel. The course of the one is largely the history of the other. Where intemperance abounds, the Gospel is hindered and gross irreligion prevails. It is, therefore, the duty of the church to employ every laudable agency and energy to stay its march of ruin. In Mississippi, this question is now agitating the public mind possibly as never before. The people have become aroused and alarmed at the direful progress of the matchless evil. And with this awakening, the question has assumed a new phase. New methods are sought to be employed, hoping for success, where we have partially failed in the past. There is now a strong and growing conviction, that in addition to moral influences and agencies, the State needs and demands more rigid, restrictive legislation. As to the right of such legal restraint and protection, there is no longer any question. Charged as intemperance is, with so much of the crime, prodigality, pauperism, suffering, and sorrow of the land, it is clearly the province and duty of the Legislature to repress or suppress it by stern legal enactment. It is inherent in the police power of the State, and vital to the peace and welfare of communities. The State passes quarantine laws to prevent the introduction of foreign and contagious diseases; laws against carrying concealed weapons, to restrain manslaughter; laws against arson and larceny, for the protection of property. Such right is unquestioned, and such laws are the imperative demand of society. So in the exercise of the same police power, the State may restrain or absolutely prohibit the liquor traffic—the fruitful, undeniable cause of three-fourths of the crime and sorrow of the land. The Supreme Court of the United States, the highest tribunal of the nation, has so decided.

But the important inquiry for us to consider, is the attitude the Church should assume at this juncture, and to this new phase of

the subject. The relation between church and State is a delicate question awakening the jealousy of each. While it is not the province of the church to exercise civil functions or control in civil matters by her moral power and positive teaching, and aggressive agencies, she may create a demand for legislative reform, and largely aid the State in its police administration. Though ministers of the Gospel and members of the church of God, we are none the less citizens, and have an intimate interest in the welfare of the State. It is therefore the call of duty that we should lend every possible aid to the good people of Mississippi, in securing the moral and legal protection against intemperance and the liquor traffic, now so earnestly desired. In view of the foregoing, we ask the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That it is the sense of this Conference, representing a communicant white membership of about twenty-four thousand, and adherents, citizens of the commonwealth, to the number of one hundred and twenty thousand, that the Legislature of Mississippi should, at its approaching session, repeal what is known as the "Pint Law," and so modify our present liquor laws as to submit the question of license to the vote of each municipality or supervisor's district in the State, and also submit a prohibitory amendment to the constitution, to the people for their adoption or rejection at the ballot-box, and to such end we present this our earnest memorial.

Resolved, 2d, That every member of this Conference should take an active and hearty interest in this great struggle for reform.

Resolved, 3d, That we consider it a compromise of religious character for any member of the church to sign a liquor petition or to vote for avowed liquor men for office.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY, Ch'n.

Report on Sunday-Schools.

The committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to submit the following report:

We regard it as cause for profound gratitude to God, that the Sunday-school spirit is growing and the efficiency of Sunday-school work increasing all over our land.

Within the bounds of our own Conference, this growth is marked and encouraging. We are not yet, however, up to the standard of duty. Our systems of operation may be improved, our work more perfectly done, and a far greater number of children reached. Indeed, we believe that all the children of every Methodist family, and of every family under Methodist influence ought to have good religious literature, and careful instruction in the Scriptures every Sunday in the year, whereas, we are led to

suppose, that two-thirds of our children are without systematic training in divine things, and too many without any such training at all.

From the small number of our Sunday-school periodicals taken within our bounds, and from the general disuse of the Catechism, we judge that more than half of our children are without suitable literature. For this lamentable deficiency, we think, there is not now, if there ever has been, a shadow of excuse. The cost of our Sunday-school literature, is so small, and its excellence so well attested, that no Sunday-school can well be too poor to obtain it, while none certainly can be so well furnished otherwise as to do without it. All our literature of this kind is good, but we would commend especially, in the Monthly Magazine, the Expository Notes by Dr. Cunningham, and the Practical Application by Dr. Carlisle.

We urge upon our people the use of our own literature. The same reason can be given for using our own books and papers, as for sending Methodist preachers to our own people. In this connection we desire to express our preference for the use in the younger classes, of a Catechism adapted to teach the leading doctrines of the Bible and its history and biography, without reference to the International lesson of the day. We would advise also, that the Bible class, in addition to the literature provided for them, be regularly instructed in the doctrines and polity of our church.

How our children can be induced to attend the regular services of the church is a question that demands our serious consideration. There are many complaints in this regard. We cannot truly claim that the Sunday-school is the nursery of the church, until the children go generally and cheerfully from the Sunday-school service to that of the church. To this end, we urge pastors, parents and teachers to work together, that by a concentration of influence and effort, all our Sunday-school scholars may become constant and interested attendants upon divine service.

To increase the attractiveness of the Sunday-school variety is recommended. Let the order of exercises be frequently changed, avoiding tediousness or monotony in opening and closing. Let the organization, wherever possible, be kept up both winter and summer, lest what is gained at one season be lost at another, and let all the appointments be such as to attract as well as to instruct.

It is a matter of paramount importance, that the teachers of a Sunday-school be the subjects of a personal religious experience; for this, after all, is the best practical interpreter of the Scriptures. In guarding this vital point, the pastor and the official members should have a voice in the appointment of teachers, in the selection of literature, and in all the internal working of the

school; and we would call attention to the law of the Church: See Discipline, page 133, chap, 5, sec. 5, concerning the relation of the Quarterly Conference to the Sunday-school. But above all of this, we would remiud parents of the fact that the Sunday-school is not designed by any means, to supercede home instruction. If either were to be abandoned, it were far better that the Sunday-school should go than home religious training should be intermitted or carelessy attended to. The example and the admonition of pious parents precedes all other teaching, and the influence of fire-side and home religion, will last long after the Sunday-school is outgrown and forgotten.

Respectfully submitted,

B. JONES, Ch'n,

J. W. STEWART, Sec'y.

Report of Treasurer of Board of Missions.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Treasurer,

In account with Board of Missions of Mississippi Conference:

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To amount received through B. Carradine, Secretary,

	Foreign.	Domestic.
From Jackson District	$507 00	$277 70
" Vicksburg "	398 85	199 95
" Woodville "	395 45	195 90
" Sea Shore "	182 85	85 75
" Meridian "	405 10	183 15
" Brandon "	248 75	138 80
" Brookhaven "	484 20	208 65
" Williamsburg "	111 00	81 00
" Anniversary Collection	80 60	80 60
" W. H. Watkins. former Treasurer		180 00
" Other sources	49 10	
Total	$2862 30	$1725 00

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By amount paid to missionaries:

To R. S. Gale,	who served Sunflower Mission,		$125 00
" J. Lusk,	" " Hinds	"	125 00
" J. J. Healey,	" " Ludlow	"	100 00
" T. B. Walden,	" " Mt. Hebron	"	100 00
" T. Y. Armstrong	" " Shady Grove	"	150 00
" W. W. Cammack,	" " Winchester	"	100 00
" E. F. Edgar	" " Livingston	"	75 00
" R. T. Davis	" " Bayou Sara	"	125 00

To B. S. Raynor,.....	who served	Franklinton Mission	125 00
" J. C. Williams, ...	" "	Chickasahay "	75 00
" D. Morehand.....	" "	Red Creek "	100 00
" J. J. Lorett	" "	Spring Cottage "	50 00
" D. A. Little.....	" "	Williamsburg "	200 00
" M. C. Calloway, ...	" "	Handsboro "	75 00
" T. S. West	" "	Biloxi "	200 00
		Total.....	$1725 00

Cr. As Treasurer for Foreign Board:

By amount of receipts of J. W. Manier, Tr.	$330 85
" Cash sent J. W. Manier, Tr	2531 85
Total	$2862 30

The above shows that the Treasurer paid the appropriations for Domestic Missions in full.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,
Treas. of Board of Missions, Miss. Conference.

Report on Publishing Interests.

Your committee on "Publishing Interests" have had this subject under consideration and beg leave to make the following report:

The Committee deem an extensive report unnecessary, yet, that it is essential that our church, through the Annual Conference, as an exponent should keep itself statedly and unmistakably defined with reference to these interests. This is measurably accomplished by the reports as given in our minutes, and by such of them as appear from time to time in our church papers.

These interests, here technically styled "Publishing Interests," are of first importance, and vitally connected with the enlightenment of the people, both as regards the cause of Christ and the genius of Methodism.

The high degree of success attending the operations of the Publishing House is very gratifying and is a matter of profound gratitude to God. The facts and figures furnished by the "Annual Report of the Book Agent" and the statements of the Business Manager, inspire ardent hopes, and should encourage the church to renewed and more strenuous efforts to relieve it of embarrassing debts and endangering liabilities. The payment by the business of the House, of one hundred and four thousand dollars, in three years, induces confident expectations, if it does not warrant the certainty, that the present wise management and the liberal patronage of the Church will soon deliver the House of all embarrassment.

In our Sunday school literature, we have an interest, the magnitude and responsibility of which should be felt and acknowledged by all—an interest which should be diligently and prayerfully fostered. The best practicable

system of instruction is an urgent and growing necessity. Our system is superior—it is attractive, carefully prepared and well adapted to the wants of Sunday-schools; and loyalty to our church requires it to be exclusively used.

The Books and tracts of our Publishing House demand the attention of our people. It is to be lamented that so few of them are circulated and read by the masses. The church has a rich and vast heritage in its books. It is here we have the accumulation of ages. It is here we find, condensed and crystalized, the thought and experience of our spiritual and ecclesiastical ancestry, illustrious both for piety and consecration to Christ, as advocated and advanced by Methodism.

The Quarterly Review, published at Nashville, is a periodical of superior claims, and is commended to the favor and patronage of the church—especially to those whose position constitutes them, in some measure, leaders of thought. Preachers and teachers can ill afford to be deprived of this auxiliary of religious knowledge.

The Nashville Christian Advocate, edited by Rev. O. P. Fitzgerald, D. D., needs no recommendation to those who read it. It is en excellent religious paper, and is achieving a glorious work for the Church. We most heartily commend it to the support of our Conference.

The Advocate of Missions, and the Woman's Missionary Advocate, are very worthy periodicals, and their circulation among our people is earnestly recommended. They will very much facilitate the education of our people in the true principles of missionary work, and thus remove difficulties which, at present very much hinder the progress of this cause.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate, edited by Rev. Linus Parker, D. D., is our own Conference organ, and is a religious paper which, so far as the Conference is concerned, has no equal, and with reference to which there is among our people but one sentiment—unqualified endorsement. We are pained to ascertain from the report of the sub-publishing committee, that there has been no increase in the number of subscribers during the year just closing.

In concluding this report, we offer the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the publishing committee from this Conference, on the New Orleans Christian Advocate, be composed of the following members: Rev. James A. Godfrey, Rev. W. L. C. Hunnicutt, and Rev. C. B. Galloway.

2. *Resolved*, That the members of this Conference, on entering upon their respective charges, will use their best efforts to increase the circulation of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, by securing new subscribers and the renewal of those already on the list.

Respectfully submitted,

D. M. RUSH, Chairman.

Report on Edueation.

To educate is one of the important functions of the Church and an imperative duty. Whatever may be done by the munificence of the State for the education of her children in the common schools, it does not relieve the Church of its grave responsibility. In the formative period of life, a distinctly christian culture must be emphasized. If the day school and college be unchristian, or negatively christian, they will, in a large degree neutralize the influence of family and Sunday-school training. To meet this imminent obligation, the Church must provide schools with Christian instructors, and where christian truth and influence will be patent and dominant—where, with the training of the mind, there will be the careful and prayerful culture of the heart—with development of knowledge, there will be growth in grace.

Much in this great department has been and is being done by the Church, for which we are devoutly grateful. To increase the efficiency of the institutions already established, multiply the number when and wherever demanded, and provide a more thorough and general system of education for the entire Church, should command the thought and means of every pastor and congregation.

As helpful to such desirable end we recommend the appointment of seven members of this body who shall constitute the Board of Education of the Mississippi Conference.

As an advisory Board, they shall be charged with the consideration of all matters relating to education.

In behalf of the Conference, they shall have cognizance of our institutions of learning, and shall carefully consider and report their condition, character, work and wants.

They shall, by observation and correspondence, ascertain the wants in this regard within our bounds, and mature and recommend methods and measures that may seem feasible for increasing the facilities for the Christian education of the children of our people.

We recommend further, that the Board constitute through their Secretary, a school agency, by means of which, communities may be supplied with Christian teachers, and teachers find useful employment.

The Board shall be appointed by the Bishop, once every four years, and vacancies that may occur, be filled annually by the Bishop.

JOHN A. ELLIS,
W. B. LEWIS,
B. JONES,
N. B. YOUNG,
T. B. HOLLOMAN.

General Report on Education.

The committee on Education have had under consideration the papers and documents referred to them, and direct me to make the following report:

CENTENARY COLLEGE,

Under its present management, is accomplishing great good. It is steadily improving in its standard of scholarship, and your committee is glad to note, is commended by intelligent men, as "having the peculiar faculty of developing oratory." There has been, since the last Conference, eighteen young men at this institution preparing for the ministry, all of whom enjoy the benefit of collegiate instruction free of charge. As the whole church, and not the professors, ought to bear this burden, we recommend that an assessment for that purpose, equal to the assessment made for the support of the Bishops, be laid upon the Stations, Circuits and Missions within the bounds of this Conference, and collected by the Presiding Elders. We recommed the continuance of C. G. Andrews, and D. M. Rush, as President and Professor of Centenary College.

PORT GIBSON COLLEGIATE ACADEMY,

The oldest institution of learning belonging to our Conference is in a prosperous and growing condition. T. C. Bradford, who was elected President of this College, to succeed J. A. B. Jones, resigned, has been most favorably received and is doing an excellent work. Sixty-eight pupils, all females, have been enrolled during the present session, and there are fair prospects of a steady increase in the number. The buildings have been repaired and the institution has been conveniently and handsomely furnished throughout. The completion of the Vicksburg & Ship Island Railroad to Port Gibson, and the Natchez, Jackson & Columbus Railroad, will make the College more accessible, and its healthy location and attractive surroundings must gradually bring it into more favorable notice. We recommend the continuance of T. C. Bradford, as President of the College, and that the Presiding Elder of the Vicksburg District, or the preacher in charge of Port Gibson, as the president of the Conference shall determine, be appointed a Financial Agent to collect funds for the purpose of paying the expense of repairing the College buildings, and to bring the College itself, into more general notice in the territory tributary to it.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE

Has enrolled one hundred and twenty pupils during the present session; and, since the last session of the Conference, the Trustees have erected an additional brick building. This building supplies an elegant chapel for the use of the College, and several additional sleeping apartments for boarders. The institution is able and satisfactorily conducted. We recom

mend the continuance of J. W. Adkisson and R. J. Jones as President of and Professor in this College, and that a financial agent be appointed to collect the funds necessary to pay its present indebtedness.

WOODVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY

Is under the control of this Conference. Its buildings need repairs, but the death of its late president, A. J. Wright, has crippled its usefulness to some extent. Recently, B. Jones, of this Conference, has been elected President, and there is prospect of his accomplishing success. We recommend the confirmation of Dr. Williams, D. Wall and B. H. Wailes, as Trustees of this Seminary, and that a committee be appointed to visit the institution and report its condition to the next Mississippi Annual Conference.

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE

Speaks in its elegant catalogue, submitted to us, most favorably as to its expanding usefulness, its high standard of excellence, and its able and successful management. It needs no words of commendation from us beyond this statement. It is very rapidly achieving a distinction never before known in the history of female education in the South. We believe there is a field in the College large enough to tax the mind and heart of President Johnson to its utmost capacity. Certainly there is nothing of more consequence to the Church, than the careful training of our daughters, and we should greatly regret to see any additional burdens imposed upon him. We recommend the continuance of H. F. Johnson, as President of this College.

By order of the committee.

W. L. NUGENT, Sec'y.

Special Report of the Committee on Education.

The committee on Education have had under consideration the petition of the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College, and accompanying papers and beg leave respectfully to report thereon as follows:

Your committee appreciate fully the distinguished services rendered by Dr. H. F. Johnson, President of said College, to the Church and female education in the State, and recommend the recognition and approval of the resolution adopted by said Board, June 29th, 1880, in respect to the employment of said Johnson, as President and manager of said College, in so far as the same can lawfully be done. They feel assured that the action of the said Board of Trustees was prudent and just. The resolution referred to is as follows:

Resolved, That the Rev. H. F. Johnson, who has, at this session of this Board, been elected permanent President of Whitworth Female College be,

and he is, hereby empowered and authorized to conduct the affairs of said College as heretofore, and to have and exercise all the powers and privileges possessed and exercised by him under the lease of said College heretofore existing in his favor granted to him by the Mississippi Conference, and which has by him been surrendered to this Board. That the exercise of said power and privileges continue and be enjoyed by him during the whole term of his presidency, unless otherwise ordered by the Board. And we do hereby request the Mississippi Annual Conference to approve this action of the Board.

J. W. MARTIN, Sec'y Board Trustees.

JUNE 29th, 1880.

This Conference having failed to raise the four thousand dollars it assumed to refund to Dr. H. F. Johnson, at the time the new brick building was donated to the Church, your committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution, which looks to providing some indemnity to him for his outlay in relievlng the College from embarrassment, in lieu of that submitted by the said Board of Trustees.

As to the second resolution submitted by said Board, and in which concurrence is asked, your committee have this to say: That Dr. Johnson contemplated the erection of an additional brick building for the use of the College, and properly, as we think, deserved some stipulation for the benefit of his family, in case of his death before the expense of the building could be met by the church; but the resolution of the Board on this subject proposed to concede the right of property in the building to Dr. Johnson and his heirs until the money so expended had been returned, without any reference to the amount involved. Your committee, while regretting the probable effect of their non-concurrence in the resolution, were apprehensive that the evil influences which might result from the opposite course, would be too great to justify any other conclusion. The death of Dr. Johnson might result in a use of the building antagonistic to the best interests of the College, and the Church might not be able to assume and pay the debt.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

W. L. NUGENT, Sec'y.

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College be, and they are, hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with H. F. Johnson, President, whereby, he and the heirs of his body, shall have the right to occupy the Brown House on the College grounds, and the lots adjoining the same appurtenant thereto, so as not to interfere with the College buildings, or the use thereof, for the purposes of education, free from molestation or rent, until the principal sum of four thousand dollars, without interest, shall be returned to him by said Board of Trustees.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

Your committee on Bible Cause would respectfully submit the following:

The South-western Bible Society has received in the last two or three years, about $18,000 from the Parent Society. Their reports show 143,

664 families visited; 49,601 found destitute; 32,717 supplied; 64,992 volumes distributed, costing $17,964 34. From this, it will be seen that about 17,000 of the families in the territory embraced, are still destitute. They direct the attention of the churches to the necessity of taking a more independent position, by asking contributions of three dollars each from annual members, thereby requiring less, or perhaps nothing, from the Parent Society. This is a call upon all concerned, for increased interest and co-operation in this worthy enterprise. To this end, your committee recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. W. BROWN, Ch'n.

Resolved, That, as our people have been, to a large extent, beneficiaries of the South-western Bible Society, through the liberality of the Parent Society, hereby greatfully acknowledge the same, and pledge our hearty co-operation for the future in its efforts.

Resolved, That we will make special inquiry as to the destitution of families that we may visit and will aid in supplying them with the Holy Scriptures.

Conference Board of Education.

J. A. Ellis, W. L. C. Hunnicutt, C. B. Galloway, W. C. Black, R. D. Norsworthy, W. L. Nugent, George Wood.

Report of the Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:

The Joint Board of Finance have instructed me to make the following report:

The amount assessed against the Conference at its last session, for the Bishop's fund is $900, and for the Conference fund $2500. These amounts were apportioned as follows:

Districts.	*Bishop's Fund*	*Conf, Fund.*
Vicksburg	$185 00	$485 00
Jackson	185 00	485 00
Brandon	100 00	215 00
Brookhaven	145 00	400 00
Woodville	100 00	310 00
Sea Shore	37 00	108 00
Williamsburg	33 00	97 00
Meridian	115 00	400 00
Total	$900 00	$2500 00

The following amounts have been reported to and received by the Board from the several Presiding Elders' Districts of this Conference, on account of the said funds:

Districts.	*Bishop's Fund.*	*Conf. Fund.*
Vicksburg	$185 90	$381 85
Jackson	171 00	432 40
Brandon	100 00	135 55
Brookhaven	159 50	375 35
Woodville	105 15	246 20
Sea Shore	38 50	111 35
Williamsburg	35 00	109 60
Meridian	120 00	322 75
Total	$915 05	$2115 15

In addition to the above the Board have received for the Conference fund from the Van Houton trust fund $54, making the amount of distribution among the Conference claimants $2169 15.

The amount received for the Bishop's fund has been paid out to parties entitled to receive the same and the proper receipts taken and forwarded. The Conference fund has been distributed in the amonnts and to the persons following:

Claimants.	*To whom handed.*	*Amount paid.*
Rev. W. Spillman	Self	$86 30
Rev. Thos. Price	Self	86 30
Rev. J. N. Williams	C. McDonald	86 30
Rev. J. G. Jones	Self	107 90
Rev. E. R. Strickland	Self	75 20
Rev. D. W. Dillehay	Self	129 50
Rev. W. E. M. Linfield	Miss Annie	107 90
Rev. Joseph Nicholson	J. S. Calhoun	129 50
Rev. L. R. Redding's two children	A. B. Nicholson	21 60
Mrs. V. H. Johnson	P. A. Johnson	64 75
Mrs. Samuel Dawson	T. W. Brown	21 50
Mrs. John P. Haney	Thos. Price	64 75
Mrs. Ulysses Thompson and 3 child'n	J. C. Brogan	86 30
Mrs. David Wiggins	W. L. C. Hunnicutt	43 30
Mrs. W. W. Drake and 3 children	C. G. Andrews	86 30
Mrs. Henry D. Berry and 2 children	H. P. Lewis	86 30
Mrs. R. J. Jones, and 3 children	L. J. Jones	43 30
Mrs. Jesse McKay	J. M. Gann	43 30
Mrs. Preston Cooper	I. W. Cooper	64 75
Mrs. John C. Johnson	D. P. Bradford	64 75
Mrs. B. M. Drake	J. P. Drake	64 75
Mrs. Richard H. Herbert	T. C. Bradford	64 75
Mrs. Wm. Finn	J. S. Parker	86 30
Mrs. James Long	T. J. Miller	43 30
Mrs. C. C. Watkins	D. P. Bradford	21 60
Mrs. Wm. Wadsworth & 2 children	I. W. Cooper	129 50
Mrs. H. H. Montgomery	W. L. C. Hunnicutt	64 75
Mrs. P. H. Napier		
Mrs. H. P. Bowen and 3 children	B. Carradine	129 30
Mrs. W. H. Watkins	D. P. Bradford	21 60
Mrs. J. J. Smylie	R. D. Norsworthy	21 60
Miss Jane Day	C. G. Andrews	21 60
Total		$2169 15

The equitable distribution of the Conference fund to and among the

beneficiaries thereof is a matter of very grave moment to us and them. Without the written report required by the Discipline, it is quite impossible for the Board to execute the delicate duty devolved upon it to the satisfaction of the widows and orphans, who are in the keeping of the Conference. Injustice to one,—the least,—of these strikes at the good faith of the Church, and deprives our polity of one of its chief attractions. The Board, therefore, again call upon the brethren not to ignore their duty in this matter, but to collect and report in writing at the next Annual Conference, all the material facts connected with the claimants who are to share in the distribution of the Conference fund. The time may come when those now failing in this particular may suffer because of the same neglect in others.

The Board has concluded upon and report to the Conference the assessment of last year for the support of the Bishops and Conference claimants, and have apportioned the same as follows:

Districts.	*Bishop's Fund.*	*Conf. Fund.*
Vicksburg	$185 00	$485 00
Jackson	185 00	485 00
Brandon	100 00	215 00
Brookhaven	145 00	400 00
Woodville	100 00	310 00
Sea Shore	70 00	205 00
Meridian	115 00	400 00
Total	$900 00	$2500 00

Respectfully submitted for the Joint Board,

W. L. NUGENT, Secretary.

Report of Secretary of Board of Missions.

We believe that the word of prophesy in the Scripture teaches that the Gospel is always advancing, there is no retrograde movement. The world is being leavened with the truth all the while, and is therefore growing better.

Each succeeding anniversary occasion brings to us confirmation of this in facts and figures. To-night, we as a church occupy different ground from that we possessed on our last meeting together. God's forces have been thrown forward. Millions have come to know and love Christ, who were in darkness and without hope one year ago.

Suppose I could bring up the results in figures, of the labors of all the churches in the past twelve months; then this hour would become a high jutting point, from which we would see in some measure, such visible triumphs of Christ, that we would feel constrained to lift up a voice of as thrilling praise as did Balaam from the mountain top, when he said, "How goodly are thy tents, O Israel, and behold, the throne of a king is in the camp."

Instead of this, we notice briefly, our own church-work—a small division of a great field of Christian labor.

From China, we get good reports; true we have only forty probationers this year, against seventy-six last year; but last year was a time of ingathering—this a time of training and developing. Both years came alike from the great head of the church.

From Central Mexico, Dr. Patterson gives us words for which we devout-

ly thank God. The people are eager to hear, in some parts of the Mission congregations of six and seven hundred are not unusual. In the Mexican Border Mission, our success this year has not been so remarkable. Owing to the sickness of the missionary and loss of two ministerial laborers, no new works have been formed, but new appointments, however, have been added to the old, and the open door is plain to the sight.

Bro. Ransom, from Brazil, writes, "Our prospects are good."

The work, proper, of this Conference Board, has been performed by fifteen missionaries, thirteen of these have submitted statistical reports, from which we gather that they have twenty-seven church buildings, six hundred Sunday-school scholars, have raised one hundred dollars for Foreign Missions, and received two hundred and eighty-two persons into the chnrch.

The Secretary has collected from the various charges in the Conference, for Foreign Missions, $2781 70, and half of the anniversary collection, $80 60. making a total of $2,862 30. For Home Missions, from charges, $1644 40, and half of anniversary collection, $80 60, making a total of $1725 00. Of this last sum, $94 was contributed by Messrs. Turner and Taylor, of Waynesboro, which amount was distinct and separate from the assessment made upon that work.

The claims of our Home missionaries have been met in full.

The following apportionment among the Districts for Foreign and Home Missions has beeu made by the Conference Board of Missions for the year 1882.

Districts.	*Foreign.*	*Home.*
Vicksburg	$1337 00	$400 00
Jackson	1337 00	400 00
Brookhaven	1028 00	240 00
Woodville	1028 00	240 00
Meridian	925 00	240 00
Brandon	925 00	240 00
Sea Shore	720 00	200 00
Total,	$7300 00	$1960 00

B. CARRADINE, Secretary.

OFFERING TO REV. W. E. M. LINFIELD, DD.

Resolved, That we hereby express to our afflicted Brother, Dr. W. E. M. Linfield, our continued love and sympathy, and that we do assure him and his family that they are not forgotten in our prayers.

J. T. HEARD,
W. L. NUGENT.

EXPENSES OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

Resolved, That a collection be taken in each pastoral charge during the months of March and April, to defray the expenses of the delegates to the next General Conference, and that the amounts be forwarded to the delegate most convenient.

J. W. WEEMS,
W. C. BLACK.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

Each pastoral charge, shall, in its Quarterly Conference, elect two delegates to the District Conference, and the Recording Steward of each appointment, shall be a member *ex-officio*.

REV. W. H. LEITH.

WHEREAS, Rev. W. H. Leith, an esteemed and useful member of this Conference, has been transferred to the Holston Conference.

Resolved, That it is with regret that we part with him, and that we most cordially commend him to the brethren of the Holston Conference, and pray that the blessings of God may ever rest upon him.

N. B. YOUNG,
B. CARRADINE.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and they are hereby tendered to the good people of Brookhaven for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained us, and that we will ever remember them at the throne of grace.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Presbyterian and Baptist churches for the use of their houses of worship during the session of this Conference.

J. W. WEEMS,
G. BANCROFT,
W. C. BLACK.

JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE FOR 1882.

Clerical—R. D. Norsworthy, H. R. Singleton, W. B. Lewis, T. W. Brown, D. P. Bradford, C. W. Calhoun, G. Bancroft.

Lay—W. L. Nugent, Jesse Thompson, C. S. Stewart, Geo. Wood, S. B. Watts, T. A. Holloman, W. M. Thornton.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

Centenary College—W. C. Black, C. A. Powell.

Whitworth Female College—H. R. Singleton, R. S. Woodward.

East Mississippi Female College—C. B. Galloway, J. W. Harmon, W. D. Dominick.

Port Gibson Collegiate Academy—B. Carradine, I. D. Wall.

Woodville Female Seminary—D. M. Rush, J. S. Parker.

NEXT SESSION OF CONFERENCE

To be held at Crystal Springs. Time to be appointed by the Bishops.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

For Admission on trial—B. Jones, W. B. Lewis, J. W. McLaurin.

First year—J. W. Adkisson, J. M. Weems, R. S. Woodward.

Second year—C. G. Andrews, C. B. Galloway, R. J. Jones.

Third year—T. W. Brown, W. H. Leith, T. S. West.

Fourth year—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, R. D. Norsworthy, W. E. Ballard.

APPOINTMENT OF THE PREACHERS.

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Woodville District.—D. A. Little, Presiding Elder.

Woodville—Benj. Jones.
Wilkinson—Thos. W. Brown.
North Wilkinson—John W. Chambers.
Amite Circuit—Edward F. Edgar.
Clinton—Clarence A. Powell.
East Feliciana—J. S. Parker.
Bayou Sara and Mission—Ruffin T. Davis.
East Baton Rouge—C. D. Cecil.
St. Helena—Inman W. Cooper.
Amite City—Ira B. Robertson.
Livingston Mission—J. W. Brown.
Jackson—C. G. Andrews.
Pipkins Chapel and Port Hudson—David M. Rush.
Ponchatoula—R. F. Flowers.
Pres't of Centenary College—C. G. Andrews.
Prof. in Centenary College—D. M. Rush.

Sea Shore District.—Thos. S. West, Presiding Elder.

Moss Point—J. M. Weems.
East Pascagoula—C. W. Calhoun.
West Pascagoula—J. H. Holland.
Ocean Springs—Robt. B. Downer.
Whittington—C. F. Gillespie.
Handsboro—Thomas Price.
Pearlington—J. W. Sandell.
Franklin Mission—Jos. Nicholson.
Covington—J. J. Lovett, (George T. Vickers) supernumerary.
China Grove—G. M. Gilmore.
Mt. Carmel—B. S. Rayner.
Westville—Martin A. Bell.
Enon—Lyman Carley.
Bethel—Lazarus J. Jones.
Spring Cottage Mission—D. Fernando Guice.

Brookhaven District.—John A. B. Jones, Presiding Elder.

Brookhaven—J. W. McLaurin.
Hazlehurst—W. G. Millsaps.
Wesson and Beauregard—William W. Hopper, (A. M. Barrington) supernumerary.
Crystal Springs—William B. Lewis.
Spring Ridge—Mager C. Callaway.
Terry—James L. Forsythe.
Providence—A. B. Nicholson.
Fair River Mission—(To be supplied by R. C. Bethea.)
Brandywine—N. B. Young.
Bayou Pierre—John D. Hayes.
Scotland—Benj. F. Jones.
Adams and Bogue Chitto—Henry P. Lewis.
Summit—William B. Hines.
McComb City and Magnolia—J. T. Nicholson.
Whitworth College—H. F. Johnson, President.

Jackson District.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, Presiding Elder.

Jackson—Charles B. Galloway.
Madison—P. A. Johnson.
Hinds Mission—John Lusk.
Sharon—H. R. Caldwell.
Benton and Midway—R. Bradley.
Dover—David A. Givens.
Tranquill—Thomas W. Adams.
Silver Creek—Josiah M. Pugh.
Camden and Soule Chapel—W. P. Andrews.
Yazoo City—T. B. Holloman, (Richard Abbey) supernumerary.
Edwards—Edwin H. Mounger.
Raymond—J. Perry Drake.
Canton—H. R. Singleton.
Missionary to China—J. W. Lambuth.

Brandon District.—J. M. Gann, Presiding Elder.

Brandon—William R. Sims.
Fannin—A. D. Miller.
Marvin—N. M. Clark.
Cato—J. H. Evans.
Trenton—C. McDonald.
Raleigh—R. A. Sibley.
Lake—I. L. Peebles.
Walnut Grove—J. W. Ellison.
Carthage—L. P. Meader.
Newton—George Bancroft.
Forest—Geo. F. Thompson.
Buck Springs Mission—John A. Vance.
Philadelphia Mission—J. Healey.
Ludlow Mission—(To be supplied by M. J. Miller.)
Decatur Mission—(To be supplied by T. J. Miller.

Meridian District.—James A. Godfrey, Presiding Elder.

Meridian—R. D. Norsworthy.
Enterprise and Quitman—Joshua T. Heard.
Enterprise Circuit—Thos. Y. Armstrong.
Paulding—John A. Ellis.
Shubuta—W. D. Dominick.
Waynesboro—F. M. Williams.
De Soto—J. C. Brogan.
Winchester—W. W. Cammack.
Marion—(To be supplied.)
Lauderdale—D. C. Langford.
De Kalb—D. G. W. Ellis.
Linwood—L. S. Jones.
Long Creek Mission—R. F. Witt
Chickasaha Mission—D. Merchant.
East Mississippi College—J. W. Adkisson, President.
R. J. Jones, Professor.

Vicksburg District.—R. S. Woodward, Presiding Elder.

Vicksburg—B. Carradine.
Warren—W. W. Hurst.
Clover Hill—A. B. Stewart.
Rolling Fork—J. H. Shelton.
Mount Olivet—P. Howard.
Rocky Springs—W. W. Simmons.
Cayuga—J. S. Calhoun.
Port Gibson—W. E. Ballard.
Fayette—D. P. Bradford.
Kingston—Isaac D. Wall.
Natchez—Warren C. Black.
Meadville—Green W. Brown.
Port Gibson Collegiate Academy—T. C. Bradford, President.

Transferred.—W. H. Leith, to Holston Conference; H. M. DuBose, to Texas Conference; B. T. Pearson, to North Mississippi Conference.

Superannuated.—J. G. Jones, W. Spillman, L. Pearce, E. R. Strickland, D. W. Dillehay, J. N. Williams, E. A. Flowers, J. Nicholson, W. E. M. Linfield.

STATISTICS.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Woodville District, J. A. GODFREY.	Woodville, B. Jones.	Wilkinson, J. W. Chandler.	Jackson, La., C. G. Andrews.	Winans, B. F. Jones.	Clinton, La., J. B. Robertson.	Pipkins, D. M. Rush.	East Feliciana, J. S. Parker.	Bayou Sara Miss. R. D. Davis.	East Baton Rouge, H. Bradford.	Livingston Miss., E. F. Edgar.	St. Helena, J. W. Cooper.	Amite. R. F. Flowers.	North Wilkinson, T. W. Brown.	Amite City, C. W. Barrier.	Franklinton, B. S. Raynor.	Total.
Accessions during the year	16	27	18	4	9	5	25	.....	.....	61	5	60	6	.....	31	267
Deaths	3	6	5	.....	5	.....	2	.....	.....	1	4	3	4	.....	2	35
Expelled, withd'rn, rem'd and drop'd	4	14	3	.....	6	6	100	.....	.....	20	8	3	2	.....	4	170
Members at present	92	254	192	173	142	115	350	113	243	185	558	300	300	137	203	3357
Local Preachers	.....	1	11	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	2	2	3	.....	21
Adults Baptized	1	8	3	1	3	.....	6	.....	3	24	.....	40	4	1	11	105
Infants Baptized	3	64	18	6	13	6	15	.....	18	24	2	2	4	12	13	200
Sunday-Schools	1	5	2	3	1	2	5	.....	3	9	4	5	.....	1	3	44
Officers and Teachers	8	16	15	6	10	12	15	.....	6	30	16	15	.....	8	10	167
Scholars	50	118	106	50	80	60	128	.....	40	2 00	120	50	.....	75	65	1142
Volumes in Library	200	.....	50	45	125	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	75	.....	.....	78	593
S. S. Periodicals taken	82	150	121	36	75	60	96	.....	72	79	.....	5	.....	33	35	844
Church Papers taken	18	70	26	19	20	12	38	.....	13	17	35	6	15	20	24	333
Churches	1	5	2	2	1	2	6	.....	6	5	7	7	6	4	4	58
Value of Churches	5000	4225	5000	1100	2000	2500	2900	.....	1050	450	7000	4000	2500	2300	2850	42875
Sittings	300	75	600	600	250	700	1500	.....	700	450	1800	750	1600	850	800	10975
Parsonages	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	7
Value of Parsonages	1500	600	.....	.....	1000	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	400	.....	350	.....	600	4950
Value of other Church Property	.....	.....	80,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....	80,100
Expended for Sunday-Schools	15	29 25	10	9 80	35	204	21	.....	8	27 75	15	5	.....	.....	33	228 80
Expended on Churches	300	950	13	.....	40	170	300	.....	.....	90	100	.....	100	190	160	2413

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STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Williamsburg District, D. A. LITTLE.	Mt. Carmel, G. W. Brown.	China Grove, G. M. Gilmore.	Spring Cottage, J. J. Lovett.	Enon, L. Carley.	Bethel, T. J. Miller, Local.	Westville, J. T. Nicholson.	Williamsburg D. A. Little.	Red Creek, D. Merchant.	Chickasabay, J. C. Williams, Local.	TOTAL.
Accessions during the year	.....	31	44	9	24	78	6	2	29	223
Deaths	.....	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	15
Expelled, withd'rn, rem'd and drop'd	.....	.....	1	.....	14	7	2	.....	4	28
Members at present	308	364	155	234	257	302	69	7	178	1874
Local Preachers	2	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Adults, Baptized	7	16	9	3	9	27	.....	.....	6	77
Infants, Baptized	10	16	11	6	6	12	.....	.....	18	79
Sunday-Schools	5	2	.....	3	3	3	1	2	4	23
Officers and Teachers	28	13	.....	9	7	8	6	.....	14	85
Scholars	147	71	.....	40	70	90	34	15	80	547
Volumes in Library	72	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	122
S. S. Periodicals taken	79	153	.....	30	.....	36	.....	.....	.....	298
Church Papers taken	30	27	16	26	12	10	5	2	10	138
Churches	3	4	1	4	1	5	.....	.....	1	19
Value of Churches	1300	2100	.....	500	401	1000	.....	.....	125	5826
Sittings	600	1400	.....	800	.....	980	.....	.....	500	4200
Parsonages	.....	1	.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3
Value of Parsonages	.....	500	.....	200	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	1000
Expended for Sunday-Schools	50	15	.....	10	.....	8	2 40	.....	7	92 40
Expended on Churches	475	31	.....	.....	.....	80	.....	.....	.....	586
Expended on Parsonages	.....	.....	.....	30	.....	.....	125	.....	.....	155

Assessed for Foreign Missions	.....	.....	20	22	21	26	10	10	20	129
Collected for Foreign Mission	26	15	15	22	10	26	10	1	13	138
Assessed for Domestic Missions	.....	.....	10	11	11	16	3	5	10	66
Collected for Domestic Missions	15	15	7 50	11	7 50	16	3	2 50	6	83 50
Assessed for Conference Fund	.....	.....	10	11	11	11	5	5	10	63
Collected for Conference Fund	15	35	7 50	11	7 50	11	5	2 50	7	101 50
Pastor's Salary	325	480	185	400	2 75	168	100	2	130	2055
Receipts	242	353	149 25	300	1 50	178	97	.....	135	1604 25
Salary of P. E.	80	80	45	40	50	42	.....	.....	30	367
Receipts	69 10	64 80	47 05	30	30 15	44 70	.....	.....	30	315 80
Assessed for Bishops	.....	.....	3	5	4	6	2	.....	3	23
Collected for Bishops	6	6	3	5	4	6	2	.....	3	35

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Brookhaven Eistrict, H. F. JOHNSON.	Brookhaven, W. B. Lewis.	Beauregard, D. C. Langford.	Hazlehurst, W. H. Leith.	Georgetown, J. D. Hays.	Crystal Springs B. Carradine.	Spriag Ridge, A. B. Nicholson.	Bayou Pierre, A. M. Barrington.	Brandywine, A. B. Young.	Scotland, H. R. Caldwell.	McComb City, W. W. Hopper.	Magnolia, J. W. Sandell.	Adams, H. P. Lewis	TOTAL.
Accessions during the year,	66	50	.....	10	42	32	9	18	44	48	25	30	374
Deaths	11	3	.....	2	4	4	.....	8	7	7	2	4	52
Expel'd, withd'rn, rem'vd and drop'd	57	18	.....	.....	22	4	.....	16	32	7	5	6	167
Members at present	417	353	190	226	235	220	320	453	318	180	309	346	3567
Local Preachers	1	3	.....	1	3	.....	2	2	2	3	1	5	23
Adults Baptized	20	19	.....	1	6	12	4	4	23	10	11	10	120
Infants Baptized	6	20	.....	5	12	16	4	29	26	7	19	4	148
Sunday Schools	2	5	1	3	2	3	2	7	3	2	3	4	37
Officers and Teachers	30	30	9	23	10	9	12	46	15	16	15	24	245
Scholars	225	243	100	129	100	75	85	261	120	18	98	150	1604
Volumes in Library	600	100	.....	.....	75	50	.....	.....	.....	250	30	75	1180
S. S. Periodicals taken	100	175	95	144	90	110	.....	.....	58	100	54	125	1051
Church Papers taken	40	36	.....	19	25	.....	.....	18	28	100	31	40	337
Churches	2	4	1	4	1	3	5	4	5	2	4	4	30
Value of Churches	6000	5500	1500	1500	2500	1000	2500	3000	3000	1500	1600	2000	31,600
Sittings	8000	950	350	800	400	600	1200	1200	1700	600	1000	1200	10,800
Parsonages	.....	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	.....	5
Value of Parsonages	.....	700	1000	.....	1300	.....	.....	.....	800	500	.....	.....	4300
Value of other Church Property	50,000	2500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	600	.....	53,100
Expended for Sunday Schools	81	54	25	32	30	25	.....	14	18	20	5	35	339
Expended on Churches	109	480	.....	.....	100	310	.....	16	30	.....	.....	5	1050

Expended on Parsonages			367						500	26			893
Assessed for Foreign Missions	60	45	39	60	60	29		45	54	45	45	39	539
Collected for Foreign Missions	60	75	29	34 20	60	29	25 25	45 15	29 10	19	45	39	489 70
Assessed for Domestic Missions	24	18	15		24	15		18	24	18	18	15	189
Collected for Domestic Missions	24	30	11	13 65	24	11	13 50	18	13 50	18	18	15	209 65
Assessed for Conference Fund	40	30	40		40	26		30	40	30	30	24	3 30
Collected for Conference Fund	40	47	40	22 80	40	20	25 25	30 10	40	14 90	30	26	375 35
Pastor's Salary	700	570	550	430	600	400	500	500	600	490	450	450	6240
Receipts	700	544	555	385	600	259	362	415	425	354	360	450	5409
Salary of P. E.	100	75	100	100	100	60	75	75	100	75	75	60	995
Receipts	100	75	85	88	100	25	54 30	64	70 70	54 25	60	60	832 25
Assessed for Bishops	15	12	15	13	15	12	12	12	15	12	12	9	154
Collected for Bishops	15	12	15	13	15	12	12	14 25	15	13 25	12	9	157 50
Other Objects	700	7								48	15		770

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Meridian District, R. J. JONES, P. E.	Meridian, R. D. Norsworthy.	Enterprise, J. H. Holland.	Enterprise Sta., J. T. Heard.	Paulding, D. G. W. Ellis.	Shubuta, J. W. Adkisson.	Waynesboro, F. M. Williams.	Wayne, J. C. Brogan.	Winchester, W. W. Cammack.	Marion, W. D. Dominick.	DeKalb, W. P. Andrews.	Binnville,	Lauderdale, W. B. Hines.	Lindwood, L. S. Jones.	Shady Grove, I. N. Armstrong.	TOTAL.
Accessions during the year	28	45	.....	25	.....	10	80	18	22	26	4	20	60	37	375
Deaths	1	4	.....	.....	3	3	5	2	9	5	.....	1	.....	3	36
Expelled, withd'rn, rem'd and drop'd	19	10	.....	15	5	4	25	5	31	12	5	14	2	18	165
Members at present	257	385	206	550	379	166	421	112	328	365	144	240	328	353	4294
Local Preachers	1	2	1	1	1	.....	4	.....	2	4	.....	1	2	3	22
Adults Baptized	.....	24	7	12	6	3	24	2	2	9	.....	4	.....	13	106
Infants Baptized	4	5	8	23	9	16	26	10	9	17	2	10	.....	23	156
Sunday-Schools	1	3	2	3	4	2	9	6	6	4	3	4	4	3	54
Officers and Teachers	20	16	16	15	16	12	36	20	21	20	12	18	16	15	253
Scholars	175	180	106	75	135	175	275	120	150	140	75	110	160	78	1954
Volumes in Library	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	150	500	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	... ..	.....	1200
S. S. Periodicals taken	80	.....	40	.....	105	125	300	36	100	100	90	.....	.....	.....	976
Church Papers taken	20	5	45	.....	.....	21	100	8	100	70	15	30	.....	1	415
Churches	1	9	2	8	25	1	7	2	4	5	1	3	4	5	77
Value of Churches	4000	3000	1500	2500	2400	600	2000	500	3000	2850	450	1250	1650	550	26,250
Sittings	350	1800	550	300	1100	250	1400	200	2000	1000	200	750	800	750	14,150
Parsonages	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	.....	9
Value of Parsonages	1750	.....	600	.....	800	600	300	.....	400	450	300	300	.....	.....	55 90
Value of other Church Property	15000	.....	.....	.....	500	800	200	.....	.....	350	.....	.....	.....	.....	16,850
Expended for Sunday-Schools	50	.....	55	25	30	26	100	21 50	20	20	15	10	.....	.....	372 50
Expended on Churches	40	35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	275	50	.....	50	.....	.....	150	600

Expended on Parsonages	50	.....	.....	.....	167	20	300	.....	150	50	.....	40	.....	.....		777
Assessed for Foreign Misssions	75	35	50	.....	50	50	35	12 50	35	35	.....	.....	35	25		437 50
Collected for Foreign Missions	74 80	14	50	26	50	50	21	12 50	35	15	5	25	22	9 55		404 50
Assessed for Domestic Missions	30	15	25	.....	25	20	15	5	15	15	.....	.....	15	11		191
Collected for Domestic Missions	20	6	25	10	25	*114	12	5	15	5	2	15	9	10 60		273 60
Assessed for Conference Fund	50	25	40	.....	40	40	25	7 50	25	25	.....	.....	25	15		317 50
Collected for Conference Fund	58	9	40	25	40	40	20	5 50	27	18	4	25	15	4 35		322 85
Pastor's Salary	1000	255	600	.....	600	600	412	.....	500	400	300	450	330	.....		5447
Receipts	971	223	502	304	474	600	367	223	400	226	165	350	282	2 40		5227
Salary of P. E.	160	50	110	.....	100	125	75	25	70	80	50	75	55	137 50		1112 50
Receipts	151 40	39	83 75	78 85	80	125	61 20	41 30	54	45	24	54 40	47	40		915 90
Assessed for Bishops	15	7 50	12 50	12 50	10	10	7 50	2 50	7 50	7 50	5	7 50	7 50	24		134 50
Collected for Bishops	16	7 50	12 50	12 50	10	10	9	2 50	7 50	6 60	5 10	9	7 10	5		120 30
Other Objects	6	4	.....	.....	.....	25	.....	10	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....		60

* $94 00 by an individual.

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Brandon District, J. M. GANN.	Brandon, W. R. Sims.	Fannin, A. Q. Miller.	Forest, G. F. Thompson.	Newton, G. Bancroft.	Walnut Grove, J. W. Ellison.	Carthage,	Trenton, C. McDonald.	Cato, J. H. Evans.	Philadelphia, J. A. Vance.	Lake, I. L. Peebles.	Raleigh, R. A. Sibley.	Ludlow Miss. J. Haley, Local.	Beech Springs, M. J. Miller, Local.	Marion, N. M. Clarke.	M. Hebron, T. B. Walden, Local	TOTAL.
Accessions during the year	12	118	25	40	48	.....	38	26	.....	29	25	32	37	76	11	517
Deaths	1	3	1	5	7	.....	2	3	.....	2	9	.....	4	3	2	42
Expelled, withd'rn, rem'd and drop'd	13	14	9	7	8	.....	10	5	.....	13	37	2	13	6	4	141
Members at present	124	368	242	397	476	274	426	502	285	195	437	76	320	409	100	4631
Local Preachers	.....	1	.....	2	4	.....	3	1	.....	1	1	.....	4	3	2	22
Adults, Baptized	3	40	.....	13	8	.....	6	13	.....	12	6	7	8	45	4	165
Infants, Baptized	.....	7	.....	11	8	.....	29	26	.....	25	12	.....	10	9	.....	137
Sunday-Schools	1	4	2	2	4	.....	4	5	.....	2	1	1	1	2	.....	29
Officers and Teachers	10	18	11	18	23	.....	20	27	.....	17	8	4	5	7	.....	168
Scholars	60	142	125	176	260	.....	210	175	.....	90	70	40	40	120	.....	1478
Volumes in Library	300	100	.....	120	50	.....	.....	400	.....	250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1220
S. S. Periodicals taken	100	.....	134	225	300	.....	.....	10	.....	60	52	.....	12	30	.....	923
Church Papers taken	25	13	25	18	25	.....	.....	2	.....	12	25	3	12	20	8	188
Churches	1	6	4	6	5	.....	7	7	.....	3	5	2	.....	6	1	53
Value of Churches	10,000	1650	3100	4500	3000	.....	2250	2965	.....	2800	200	200	.....	1635	300	32,600
Sittings	400	1200	700	1600	1200	.....	700	2100	.....	850	2000	200	.....	1250	100	12,300
Parsonages	.....	1	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	7
Value of Parsonages	.....	250	1500	300	300	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	200	350	.....	3400
Value of other Church Property,	500	.....	50	400	50	.....	150	.....	.....	900	.....	.....	500	.....	300	2850
Expended for Sunday-Schools	70	20	30	45	23	.....	.....	10	.....	21 75	5	10	2 75	14 00	.....	252 50
Expended on Churches	10	250	90	20	30	.....	40	275	.....	15	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	830

Expended on Parsonages					9											9
Assessed for Foreign Missions	30	30	40	30	50		45			40	50	10	35	40	10	410
Collected for Foreign Missions	31	8	18	30	14 75		14 60	6		24 10	15	95	14 25	13 85		190 50
Assessed for Domestic Missions	21	21	20	21	21		21			21	21	5	15	20	10	217
Collected for Domestic Missions	21 50	6 65	10	10 50	9 65		8	4		10	6 45	2 55	7 50	7	4 85	121 65
Assessed for Conference Fund	15 00	12	12	15	75		15			15	15	5	10	15		1 44
Collected for Conference Fund	16 25	6	12	26 50	9 15		6	10		15	15	6 65	5	8		135 55
Pastor's Salary	5 50	475	550	445	500		525	500		425	500	200	200	435	100	5405
Receipts	4 50	297	375	402	352		248	330		374	324	52 60	81 80	311	80 75	3678 15
Salary of P. E	100	75	100	60	100		75	90		75	100	25	75	75		950
Receipts	75	25	67	56 75	70 30		35 50	46 60		66	64		30 70	53 75		590 60
Assessed for Bishops	10	10	10	10	10		8	8		10	8	3	8	10	3	108
Collected for Bishops	10	3 05	5	10	10		8	8		10	8	205	8	2 50	3	87 60
Other Objects	670		7	65			8 50			7 25	6		3			766 75

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Sea Shore District, T. S. WEST.	Moss Point, J. M. Weems.	Ocean Springs, J. P. Dancer.	West Pascagoula, J. S. Calhoun.	East Pascagoula, C. W. Calhoun.	Whittington, C. F. Gillespie.	Handsboro, M. C. Calloway.	Biloxi, T. S. West.	Pearlington, P. Howard.	Total.
Accessions during the year	19	.....	19	26	20	5	5	8	102
Deaths	3	.....	6	4	1	1	.....	6	21
Expel'd, withd'rn, rem'd and drop'd	2	.....	5	3	10	.....	1	19	40
Members at present	91	75	268	335	172	80	43	137	1201
Local Preachers	.....	.....	7	1	3	.....	1	.....	12
Adults Baptized	2	.....	4	1	2	1	.....	.....	10
Infants Baptized	7	.....	24	14	39	9	4	7	102
Sunday-Schools	1	3	7	5	3	.....	1	4	24
Officers and Teachers	10	20	20	14	8	.....	4	15	91
Scholars	52	125	200	120	66	.....	30	75	668
Volumes in Library	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	30	150	230
S. S. Periodicals taken	94	.....	12	202	12	.....	30	130	480
Church Papers taken	40	.....	10	25	8	8	4	20	107
Churches	1	3	9	5	2	3	1	2	26
Value of Churches	1000	2000	1600	1950	500	2000	600	1500	11,150
Sittings	225	.....	1600	750	300	800	150	300	4125
Parsonages	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3
Value of Parsonages	1500	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	800	2800
Value of other Church Property	.....	.....	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	300
Expended for Sunday-Schools	21	30	15	25	7	.....	5	10	113
Expended on Churches	2000	900	200	40	.....	.....	.....	700	3840

Expended on Parsonages	85		100						185
Assessed for Foreign Missions	50		28	25	25	25	10	40	203
Collected for Foreign Missions	50	25	29	25 85	25	25	10	18	207 85
Assessed for Domestic Missions	15		15	15	10	10	5	20	90
Collected for Domestic Missions	15		14	15 50	10 25	15	5	9	83 75
Assessed for Conference Fund	20		10	10	15	10	5	20	90
Collected for Conference Fund	20	15	10	10 25	15	16	5	20	111 35
Pastor's Salary	600	400	300	400	215	200	100	500	2715
Receipts	600	353	300	307	215	180 60	100	466	2521 60
Salary of P. E.	100	80	65	50	50	50		100	495
Receipts	100	50	65	38 45	55	45 15		93 35	446 95
Assessed for Bishops	8	8	5	5	5	4	2	8	45
Collected for Bishops	8	8	5	5	5	4	2	8	45
Other Objects	700		20					5	725

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

Vicksburg District, J. A. ELLIS.	Vicksburg, C. B. Galloway	Warren, T. B. Holloman	Clover Hill, J. H. Shelton.	Rolling Fork, T. C. Bradford.	Mt. Olivet, W. W. Hurst.	Rocky Springs, W. W. Simmon.	Cayuga, J. L. Forsythe.	Port Gibson, H. R. Singleton.	Fayette, D. P. Bradford.	Martin, J. A. B. Jones.	Kingston, I. D. Wall.	Natchez, W. C. Black.	Meadville, W. S. Millsaps, Local.	Total.
Accessions during the year	26	2	2	.....	35	37	10	.....	15	.....	6	43	23	199
Deaths	.....	2	1	2	8	8	4	.....	3	.....	1	4	3	36
Expel'd, withd'rn, rem'd and drop'd	.....	3	.....	2	3	8	2	.....	8	.....	5	41	.....	72
Members at present	308	220	40	73	359	245	258	103	435	5	127	208	367	2748
Local Preachers	1	.....	.....	1	6	1	3	.....	6	.....	1	.....	2	21
Adults Baptized	8	.....	.....	.....	11	11	5	2	6	.....	1	4	9	57
Infants Baptized	12	14	3	1	26	76	1	4	5	.....	4	10	2	98
Sunday-Schools	1	3	1	2	3	4	4	1	5	1	4	1	10	40
Officers and Teachers	26	12	8	10	15	14	30	12	25	3	13	21	22	211
Scholars	187	50	60	75	110	85	120	60	1 60	17	115	118	184	1341
Volumes in Library	600	100	45	200	160	28	70	250	200	.....	159	576	40	2429
S. S. Periodicals taken	362	18	85	75	65	18	30	.....	48	20	.....	228	.....	949
Church Papers taken	.....	30	6	12	60	17	20	.....	33	.....	24	55	12	279
Churches	1	6	1	1	2	5	4	1	5	1	2	1	6	36
Value of Churches	12,500	6000	1500	900	2000	3000	4000	16,000	6500	500	9000	25,000	1000	87,900
Sittings	600	1300	200	200	800	1000	1100	500	1200	250	600	800	1000	9550
Parsonages	1	1	1	1	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	1	.....	9
Value of Parsonages	2500	800	1200	900	450	.....	500	2200	1000	.....	.....	2000	.....	11,550
Value of other Church Property	500	50	.....	.....	50	.....	.....	35,000	350	.....	.....	550	.....	36,500
Expended for Sunday-Schools	176 50	15	16	23	50	12	12	50	20	10	.....	*162	.....	546 50
Expended on Churches	.....	.....	94	.....	.....	350	.....	150	60	.....	131 65	*441	.....	1226 65

Expended on Parsonages	400	52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	255	.....	763
Assessed for Foreign Missions	115	70	40	75	55	60	60	60	70	.....	30	90	40	705
Collected for Foreign Missions	115	2750	.....	.....	18 20	30	12	24 50	20	.....	30	*120	.....	397 20
Assessed for Domestic Missions	35	35	20	35	50	35	35	40	50	.....	15	50	.....	400
Collected for Domestic Missions	18	16	.....	.....	16 10	23 50	11	30	21	.....	15	50	.....	260 60
Assessed for Conference Fund	60	40	30	40	40	40	40	40	50	.....	20	60	20	400
Collected for Conference Fund	60	40	26	11 50	40	30	10 70	40	30	10 65	20	60	3	381 85
Pastor's Salary	1500	700	600	600	650	500	600	800	800	.....	400	1000	300	8450
Receipts	1500	750	400	358	529	500	200	750	640	58 25	255 45	1000	150	7440 25
Salary of P. E	160	125	90	110	110	85	100	100	125	.....	70	160	40	1275
Receipts	160	100	58	71 50	89 05	100	22	180	100	.....	44 45	160	30	975
Assessed for Bishops	25	17	15	15	15	16	13	16	17	.....	10	20	10	189
Collected for Bishops	25 80	17	11	15	15	16	13 10	16	17	.....	10	20	10	175 90
Other Objects	428	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	71	.....	15	116	.....	635

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Jackson District, W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,	Jackson, J. W. McLaurin	Madison, P. A. Johnston.	Hinds Miss., J. Lusk	Sharon, C. D. Cecil.	Camden, C. A. Powell.	Thomastown, J. W. Hall, Local.	Yazoo City, W. E. Ballard.	Benton, R. Bradley.	Dover, D. A. Givens.	Tranquil, L. P. Meador.	Silver Creek, A. B. Stewart.	Lodi, J. M. Pugh.	Edwards, E. H. Mounger.	Raymond, J. P. Drake.	Canton, R. S. Woodward.	TOTAL.
Accessions during the year,	70	32	8	18	1	.....	4	11	27	8	28	.....	17	21	6	251
Deaths	4	2	.....	7	3	.....	3	3	11	2	1	.....	3	1	3	43
Expel'd, withd'rn, rem'vd and drop'd	101	20	.....	10	12	.....	6	.....	4	.....	5	.....	10	14	4	186
Members at present	237	166	42	302	100	65	126	164	187	248	70	15	221	130	156	2229
Local Preachers	2	1	.....	6	.....	1	.....	.....	1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13
Adults Baptized	12	2	3	2	.....	4	1	3	7	8	13	.....	2	1	4	62
Infants Baptized	11	10	6	8	4	2	11	8	3	.....	7	.....	.....	6	3	79
Sunday Schools	1	4	.....	5	3	2	1	3	2	3	1	1	2	3	1	32
Officers and Teachers	30	20	.....	22	17	.....	12	14	12	6	3	3	16	22	14	191
Scholars	148	100	.....	165	75	50	65	90	54	48	10	15	90	170	85	1165
Volumes in Library	1200	.....	.....	200	100	.....	360	100	70	.....	18	.....	300	330	.....	2678
S. S. Periodicals taken	297	.....	.....	15	30	65	.....	100	35	50	36	20	110	150	60	968
Church Papers taken	90	20	5	12	10	.....	35	27	.....	25	9	5	27	50	16	333
Churches	1	5	2	4	2	2	1	2	3	4	1	1	2	3	1	34
Value of Churches	4000	4000	800	1800	4000	550	5000	2000	3000	1250	600	600	2000	4000	4000	37,600
Sittings	400	1500	200	1200	500	600	300	600	800	800	100	100	700	1200	500	9500
Parsonages	1	1	.....	1	1	.....	1	1	1	.....	1	.....	1	1	1	11
Value of Parsonages	3000	1000	.....	600	550	.....	2500	900	325	.....	450	.....	1800	1000	2000	14125
Value of other Church Property	2900	.....	.....	600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3500
Expended for Sunday Schools	89	15	.....	40	17	8	.....	30	10	7	600	47	50	50	25	397
Expended on Churches	.....	.....	.....	50	100	.....	25	40	.....	.....	250	.....	.....	130	.....	347 50

Expended on Parsonages.....	.....	130	.....	.....	125	.....	62 75	60	25	.....	40	.....	.....	120	232	794 75
Assessed for Foreign Missions.....	100	30	.....	64	57	3	85	55	.....	46	40	20	80	65	85	730
Collected for Foreign Missions.....	162 60	30	.....	41	30	.....	2	40	7 25	7	15	10	40	65	63 50	511 40
Assessed for Domestic Missions.....	50	55	.....	31	30	.....	45	30	.....	25	25	10	40	35	45	421
Collected for Domestic Missions.....	50	22	.....	16	30	.....	45	10	5	6 50	7 15	5	20	36	25	277 65
Assessed for Conference Fund	60	35	.....	31	35	.....	50	35	.....	26	30	20	50	40	50	462
Collected for Conference Fund.....	60	30	.....	31	35	.....	50	30	5 25	5 55	32 60	10	50	41 35	51 70	432 40
Pastor's Salary.....	1200	600	140	525	500	.....	800	600	440	500	500	120	800	750	900	8345
Receipts.....	1210	539	97	376	391	50	800	600	318	240	291	120	800	712	940	7484
Salary of P. E.....	150	75	.....	75	80	10	125	80	60	65	50	20	110	90	125	1115
Receipts.....	150	67	.....	54 20	63	3 70	125	80	24 15	31	34 20	10	110	83 35	125	900 60
Assessed for Bishops.....	20	14	.....	13	14	.....	18	14	12	12	10	5	17	16	20	185
Collected for Bishops.....	20	14	.....	13	11 50	.....	16 00	14	10	8 80	10	5	18	16	14	171
Other Objects	580	15	.....	90	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	...	125	7	130	947

*$39 36 of this in Sunday-school.

RECAPITULATION.

	Vicksburg, J. A. Ellis.	Woodville, J. A. Godfrey.	Sea Shore, T. S. West.	Williamsburg, D. A. Little.	Brookhaven, H. F. Johnson.	Jackson, W. L. C. Hunnicutt	Brandon, J. M. Gann.	Meridian, R. J. Jones.	Total, 1881.	Total, 1880.	Increase.	Decrease.
Accessions during the year	199	269	102	223	374	251	517	375	2308	2212	196	.....
Deaths	36	35	21	15	52	43	42	36	280	202	78	.....
Expelled, withd'rn, rem'd and drop'd	72	170	40	28	167	186	141	165	969	673	296	.....
Members at present	2748	3357	1201	1874	3567	2229	4631	4294	23,901	23,582	319	.....
Local Preachers	20	21	12	10	23	13	22	22	144	150	.....	6
Adults, Baptized	57	105	10	77	120	62	165	106	702	858	.....	156
Infants, Baptized	98	200	102	79	148	79	137	156	999	1207	.....	208
Sunday-Schools	40	44	24	23	37	32	29	54	284	266	18	.....
Officers and Teachers	211	167	91	85	245	191	168	253	1411	1449	.....	38
Scholars	1341	1142	668	475	1604	1165	1478	1954	9827	9939	.....	112
Volumes in Library	2425	593	230	122	1180	2678	1220	1200	9652	11057	.....	1405
S. S. Periodicals taken	949	844	480	298	1051	968	923	976	6489	5628	861	.....
Church Papers taken	279	333	107	138	337	333	188	415	2130	1836	294	.....
Churches	36	58	26	19	39	34	53	77	342	305	37	.....
Value of Churches	87,900	42,875	11,150	5826	31,600	37,600	32,600	26,250	325,801	267,825	57,976	.....
Sittings	9550	10,975	4125	4200	11,800	9500	12,300	14,150	76,600	71,200	5400	.....
Parsonages	9	7	3	3	5	11	7	9	54	51	3	.....
Value of Parsonages	11,550	4950	2800	1000	4300	14,125	3400	5590	47 715	47,425	390	.....
Value of other Church Property,	36,500	80,100	300	.....	53,100	3500	2850	16,850	133,205	115,960	17,240	.....
Expended for Sunday-Schools	546 50	228 80	113	92 40	339	394	252 50	372 50	2,338 70	2,523 35	.....	194 60
Expended on Churches	1,226 65	2413	3840	586	1050	347 50	830	600	11195 15	5,932 35	5,260 80	.....

Expended on Parsonages	763	147	185	155	893	7942	9	777	3,703 75	2,533 10	1,170 65	.....
Assessed for Foreign Missions	765	555 65	203	229	539	730	410	437 50	3,769 15	3,775 75	.....	6 60
Collected for Foreign Missions	397 20	405 65	207 85	138	489 70	511 40	190 90	404 50	2,744 80	2,671 40	73 40	.....
Assessed for Domestic Missions	400	221 70	90	66	189	421	217	191	1,795 70	1784	11 70	.....
Collected for Domestic Missions	260 60	212 70	83 75	83 50	209 65	277 65	121 65	273 60	1523	1,302 75	220 25	.....
Assessed for Conference Fund	400	221 70	90	63	330	462	144	317 50	2,028 20	1668	60 20	.....
Collected for Conference Fund	381 85	246 20	111 35	101 50	375 35	432 40	135 55	322 85	2,107 05	1,779 70	327 35	.....
Pastor's Salary	8450	5960	2715	2055	6240	8345	5405	5447	44,617	45,385	.....	768
Receipts	7,440 25	4,360 85	2,521 60	1,604 25	5409	7484	3,678 15	5227	37,725	37383 25	341 75	.....
Salary of P. E	1275	982 35	495	367	995	1115	950	1,112 50	7,291 85	7169	92 85	.....
Receipts	975	766 20	446 95	115 80	832 25	960 60	590 60	915 15	5,802 55	5,823 90	.....	11 35
Assessed for Bishops	189	89 95	45	23	154	185	108	134 50	928 45	885 50	42 95	.....
Collected for Bishops	175 90	97 15	45	35	157 50	171	87 60	120 30	889 45	830 60	58 55	.....
Other Objects	635	180 85	725	.....	770	947	766 75	60	4,084 60	4,084 60	.....	.....